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Tom Green's counsel may be called Green-backers.

Seymour and Hendricks is a good enough ticket for us.

Mr. Feland has introduced a bill to regulate by law the rates of carrying coal by rail.

Polk Johnson's soliloquy: "While in there is eternal war between me and thee."

The Democratic National Convention will probably be held either at Cincinnati or Washington.

The Blaine men are hugging the elusive phantom of hope to their bosoms and waiting for Grant to decline.

Washington (Rep.) of Minnesota whose seat was contested by Donnell (Dem.) is to be ousted, in the House.

E. Polk Johnson assistant clerk of the House and Jno. D. White of Clay came very near running together out day last week.

An exchange has an article on "How to keep cows from kicking." Wonder if some way can't next be devised to stop girls from kicking?

An Arkansas woman is lying with her fourteenth husband. She has 13 pegs in a row upon each of which she hangs a hat of a deceased husband.

The judge of destiny punishes Grant and Sherman as the Republican standard bearers, unless Jimmy Haines watches his corners closer in the future than he has in past.

Next thing we know some of the boys will be announcing that their hearts are for Sale and sending marked copies of their papers to the odious of the Dixon Pioneer.

The Trigg County Democrat endorses our article on a primary election. No other plan can get the sense of the people. We would like to have some expression on the subject from all the papers in the district.

The Colonel on the Governor's staff spells his title the same way as the Colonel who won his title upon the bloody field of battle, as he charged up to the canon's mouth over the dead bodies of his comrades.

A Republican member of the Ohio Legislature has introduced a bill legalizing the amalgamation of the negro and whiteraces. Next thing we know that low down fellow will want the Legislature to compel some respectable negro dame to marry him. Probably this is his *dernier ressort* for procuring a spouse.

Nashville is going to have a big time in April. She will celebrate her centennial, and is making extensive preparations. She is building an exposition building, and will have a collection of wonders, second only to that at Philadelphia in 1876. Of course everybody will go and see the sights.

We this week place the Dixon Pioneer upon our exchange list. It is a five column sheet devoted to the greenback cause. It is edited by a lady, Miss Ellen L. Sate, who begins by tackling the financial question which so few people know anything about. We trust the paper may live and prosper, but politically it is bound to fail if it intends to adhere to the ghost of the defunct greenback society.

The editor of the Pioneer found a lot of "small boys" in Dixon last week and advertised them free, requesting their parents to call for them. We are inclined to think one of them was Sam Harrison of Henderson as the last name of the news was minus the usual column of "Psalms." Did one of them have a wild far-away look about him, and talk all the time about "brown-eyed beauties" and fine tooth combs? If so send him to Henderson.

Princeton can boast of more pretty, sweet, intelligent and good girls than any other (40) side of anywhere. She can also boast of more sad, sour ugly old bachelors than any other place in this latitude. —*Banner*.

Hopkinsville has more beautiful and lovely young ladies than all of Caldwell county put together, but if they continue to marry off like they have been doing for the last few months there will not be enough left to make the boys stand around the church doors.

The Senate has rejected all the Ohio census nomination. Senator Pendleton who reported adversely, stated that it was not on account of the persons nominated but because all of them were Republicans, while about half the people of the State, both Senators and eleven Congressmen were Democrats, and should have some of the places given to their party. It is understood that a like course will be pursued whenever a partisan spirit was shown in the appointments. The present census will be the basis for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress and the State Legislatures for ten years, and in these corrupt times it will not do to trust the matter to one party, especially in a State as doubtful as Ohio.

The president will be compelled to revise his list and give the Democrats

Presidential Surmisings.

There is no longer any doubt in the minds of intelligent and informed people that Grant will be the nominee of the Republican party. Pennsylvania has already declared for him and New York will soon follow. With those two the largest States, with 64 votes to start with, the smaller ones will soon fall into line and nothing but divine interference can keep him from being the candidate of the stalwarts. With Grant as their standard bearer, the Republicans we think will present their weakest front to the enemy, and the Democrats will display wisdom and patriotism in naming their candidates, all will be well. Let them take a lesson from their enemies and be united upon some good man. Seymour can lead us to victory. It is doubtful whether Tilden can. Let none of us be wedded to the claims of one man. It is better to sacrifice a man than the party. It is not the man we wish to triumph, but the party. What if we should elect a Democratic president, and be should the next day. Would it affect the party victory any? Not in the least. Hendricks is a good man, but he is not the man for the first place, and if he is not Democratic enough to accept the second it gives to him, he should not be given either. Thaddeus is a good man, but he is not available. Bayard has killed himself by his uncompromising position on the financial question. Hancock is from a Republican State and is therefore unavailable. This is about the only we are to select from, and the best, strongest and most available ticket is Seymour and Hendricks. Surely these will not decline when they have every prospect to lead the party to victory. Seymour is as strong as any man in New York with his party. He can unite the two factions and carry the State with a whoop over Grant, as he did in 1863. And we believe he is the only man that can do it. He led a valiant few into a hopeless contest twelve years ago and will not now lead the victorious hosts over the carcass of Republicanism? Hendricks is from the other doubtful State, and while there are other good men and strong men in Indiana, he is the best, from the fact that by nominating him, the idea of vindication, from the great fraud can be made out of the issues just as effectually as if Mr. Tilden himself were the candidate. Mr. Hendricks is a power in his State and would find himself almost a certain means of promotion in '84. If he will make this sacrifice of his pride for the good of his party, he will not be forgotten in future preferments. If either of these statesmen refuse to lead their party in this great struggle of the country, then they are unworthy the name of Democrat, and should he branded as enemies to the principles that animated the heroic breasts of our forefathers. Let the pieces be offered them and they dare not decline in the great crisis, in which their country needs and demands their services. Let Democracy rule and let the battle cry be Seymour and Reform, Hendricks and Vindication, and God will give the victory to the right.

The Feeble Minded Institute.

This Institution located at Frankfort, and having for its object the education and instruction of feeble minded children in a very flourishing condition. We are in receipt of the last report of the superintendent, Dr. J. Q. A. Stewart. The Institute now has 131 inmates, many of whom have learned useful trades, in addition to their instruction from books. The boys and girls being kept apart from each other. Once a week they have a social with all are allowed to attend and enjoy themselves. The superintendent avers that it must not be thought that this is a school for idiots. It is intended only for those who are capable of improvement.

In addition to the branches named above the larger boys are taught the military tactics once a week. The assembly is now full and the Legislature is asked to make an appropriation for its enlargement, as many are being refused admittance for want of room.

Green-Harris.

The case of Green vs. Harris has been in progress at Louisville for over a week, and the papers are, as a matter of course, full of it. This is an important case but there is not much in it. One of the parties is indicted by envy and malice to pull the other down from that position to which he has risen by his talents and merit. One a child of fortune and connected with many of the aristocratic families in the State; the other a poor soldier boy of obscure parentage, but who possessed true manhood and worth. One has spent the greater portion of his allotted time of life without having accomplished anything worthy of note; the other but started out in life has reached the highest position in the judiciary of the State. They are pretty equally matched, but public sympathy is with Judge Harris, and we can only hope that he may come out of the fire having been tried by the furnace and found to be a genuine son of the

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Impossible to Please All.

An editor might as well try to go to Heaven in a hand-cart as to please everybody who reads his paper. If he gives only the plain facts of news, they call it dry as bone; if he tries to fascinate somebody will complain that he has too much foolishness in his sheet; if he gives social items the people in the country will complain and ridicule the column; if he neglects them the town people won't like the paper. Let him note the presence of two men in the city, one will feel flattered and subscribe for his paper, the other will get mad and stop it. If there is no news and the paper, they grumble, and if he draws on his imagination they say he tells lies. If he stays in his office and writes, they say he ought to go out and hunt news, if he goes out they say he ought to stay in and attend to his business. If he rejects a spring poem he makes the writer mad; if he publishes it, it makes his readers mad and he will be compelled to fill up the paper with trash. Poor fellow, if he undertakes to please everybody he will have a hard time of it. The sooner he learns that it is an impossibility, and acts accordingly the better for him. Most people like a paper that takes a stand upon the rock of its honest convictions and fights out its principles to the bitter end. If a paper undertakes to haggle, flog around and talk taffy to all parties alike it soon loses its influence with all. At least this is our idea of the subject and we intend to act accordingly.

"When I did not want to die at Gutierrez" we heard one drummer remark to another the other morning. "Why?" asked the other. "Because I can leave the world from Gutierrez."

Two emigrant agents were arrested in Madison, Ga., last week, and each fined \$150 and costs.

The number of marriages among the blacks at Montgomery, Ala., doubles those of the white people.

The capital stock of the Union Express Company is to be increased to \$200,000.

A blacksmith succeeded at St. Philip's, La., in saving his life by blowing out his brains with a shotgun.

Over half a million bushels of grain were received in one day last week at New Orleans.

Tennessee has 5,612 public schools, and 1,287 private ones. 186,192 pupils attend the former and 35,000 the latter.

Last week we laudably omitted to give the Louisville Argus credit for the chapter of *Chronicles* on the outside of our paper. This part of our paper is generally made up of miscellaneous and promiscuous clippings, and of course we had no intention of trying to palm it off on our own.

The State Legislature has "retrenched" all the officers of the State and is now directing its attention to the President's salary, but whenever a member makes a motion concerning the per diem and mileage of the gentlemen themselves, they turn pale and lay it on the table."

Mr. John Smith has moved into the James' place out on the Bowling Green road, near Mr. James Shirley's.

Smith—Smith—John Smith it seems to us we have heard the name before, but reckon we must be mistaken.

They set their own prices on drinks in Santa Fe. A man named Armstrong killed a man named Dunn on there last week because he insulted him.

The Iowa Legislature has adopted a bill submitting to the vote of the people a constitutional amendment making women eligible to seats in the Legislature. This proves very conclusively that all the fools are not dead yet.

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The State Democratic committee has been called to meet at Frankfort, March 4th, to fix the time and place for holding the State Convention to appoint delegates to the National Convention.

The Union Democrat has got its foot into it already, and is quarreling with the Dixon Pioneer. Poor fellow, he has yet to learn that a man can never get the last word with a fool.

The latest addition to our exchange list is the Catletburg Democrat, edited by T. D. Marcus and James N. Banks. It is shock full of good reading.

And there is still another report about Mr. Tilden. This time they say he is physically incapacitated and positively will not be a candidate.

What is the difference between a lady's dress and the most popular opera? One is pin-back and the other is pin-ahead.

The Clerk Democrat thinks the race will be between Grant and Tilden and feels certain that the latter will come out first.

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There are 388 retired officers. The active or combatant force of the army is 50,566 men, eleven Generals and 1,319 officers, or one officer to every 4,641 men.

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